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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation**
CC Docket No. 95-116

Dear Ms. Dortch:

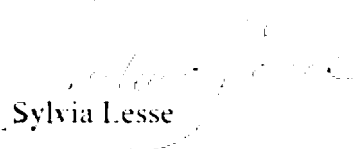
On Wednesday, May 5, 2004, undersigned counsel for The North-Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company ("NEP") met with Commission staff to discuss NEP's pending request for a temporary waiver of the deadline to initiate wireless local number portability services. In response to staff questions raised during that meeting regarding the status of NEP's switch deployment, the following information is provided.

In its petition for waiver, NEP projected that the first exchange conversion, at Union Dale, Pennsylvania, would be completed by May 1, 2004. Unfortunately, this conversion is not yet complete. Although dial tone is available, the SS7 A links are not yet operational, nor are records being generated in an acceptable fashion. Once the issues associated with the SS7 A links resolved, LNP testing may begin.

Having demonstrated its good faith efforts to implement LNP capability on a timely basis, NEP respectfully reiterates its request for an extension of time within which to implement the necessary upgrades in an efficient manner.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


Sylvia Lesse

cc: Cheryl Callahan
Pan Slipakoff

DECLARATION OF EDWARD TOURJE

I, Edward Tourje, President of The North-Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing "Notice of Ex Parte Presentation" of The North-Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company, and that the facts stated therein are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.


Edward Tourje

Dated: May 7, 2004